

Madison Area PICKLEBALL as of **JULY 24, 2016**

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
8-10 HH	8:30-10:30 TP	8-10:00 HH	8:30-10:30 TP	8 – 10 HH & H (Adv) 8:30-11:30 WH (A)	8-9 WH (B)	8 - 10 H (Adv)
9-noon WH (B, I)* 9-11 NC	8:30-10:30 FCC (I & Adv) 9-11 NC	9-noon WH (B, I)* 9-11 WH ** (3.0) 9-11 PAC (B, I)* 9-11 NC	9-noon WH (I, A)* 9-11 SC & NC	9-11 NC	9-noon WH (B, I)* 9 – 11 PAC	9-Noon WH (A) 9-11 NC
	10-Noon T 10:30-12:30 FCC (B&I)	10-Noon T		10-Noon H (I)		10-Noon H (I) & PAC (all levels)
Noon-2:00 H (I) 12:30–3:00 YMCA (NE)	Noon-2:00 H (I) 12:30-3:00 FCC (all levels)	Noon-2:00 H (I)	Noon-2:00 H (I) 12:30 – 3:00 YMCA (NE)			
1:00 T 2-4:00 H (Adv)	1 – 3 YMCA 1 – 3:30 PAC (all levels) 2-4:00 H (Adv)	2-4:00 H (Adv)	1:00 T 1 - 3:30 PAC (all levels) 2-4:00 H (Adv)	1 – 3 YMCA		
5 - 8 WH (B, I, A)*	4:30 LWCC 5:30-8:00 WH** (4.0+)		4:30 RH 5:30-8:00 WH** (3.5+) 6:30-8:30 SCCC	4-8 WH (parent & child) 5:30–7:30 PAC (all levels)		4-7 WH (I)

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Notice the start time for HH is now 8:00am.

***See SKILL LEVEL/RATING DESIGNATION AT END OF THIS EMAIL**

**** LEAGUE (REQUIRES SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE, LIMIT OF 10)**

Adv = advanced I = intermediate

Information from Jerry Gottsacker: Pickleball Lessons

Six-class series per session: Thursdays, August 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 8, 15

Session 1: 5:30-6:30 pm

Session 2: 6:30-7:30 pm

Cost: \$45.00

Group Size: Min 4 - Max 8 per session

Ages: 16 and up

Tenney Park tennis/pickleball courts

1414 E. Johnson St.

Madison, WI

Learn the basics of this fast growing activity that combines the features of badminton, ping pong, and tennis into the unique sport of pickleball. This 6-class series offers an introduction to the game, skills, game strategies and the

opportunity to play matches. Equipment is provided; however, feel free to bring your own paddle.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, August 4, 2016
(\$5.00 late fee added for registrations past the deadline date)

To Register: (608) 266-4711 or [online](#).

Great TV spot about pickleball in Madison featuring Linnie and Joe. To check it out, go to <http://www.channel3000.com/sports/pickleball-catching-on-in-madison/40387836>

To: Madison Pickleball Players
From: Friends of Pickleball Organizing Committee
Re: Garner Park Pickleball Court project Update

The Madison Parks project to convert two tennis courts to six dedicated pickleball courts at Garner Park **is moving ahead!**

The private funding goal was achieved in mid-April and the project was advertised for bids. The initial bidding in May produced only one, invalid bid, so the project was re-bid, and an acceptable bid was received in June.

On June 21st the Madison City Council approved the project for construction!

The current schedule is for construction to begin the week of July 18 and proceed for six weeks. If all goes well including weather, we hope to be playing on the courts around the 1st of September.

We want to personally thank those who contributed money to the Madison Parks Foundation to make this project possible.

Here's an email from David Mott:

I subscribe to the Ambassador's forum at USAPA, and occasionally run across things that look promising and are posted by other members. Go to <http://trackithub.com/> and take the quick tour; it will link you to a video that you might find useful. Copy the address into your browser as it is not an active link.

Here is the latest issue of the USAPA magazine, enjoy! If you are not already a member, consider joining. Paste the link into you browser and go.

<http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=55b122122aa28dd9bfdbd8222&id=1977e07d70&e=8d4ff8df16>

David Mott, Ambassador
USAPA
Madison

See attached flyer for July 14 pickleball clinic.

Local pickle ball paddle distributors are:

Rick Schworck (piccolosales@gmail.com who has Paddleteck equipment

John Derlein (john.derlein@aesculap.com) who has a variety of paddles and balls

KaSandra Gehrke (kasandra_meland32@hotmail.com) or phone 608 333-3655

**Jack Derlein (jderlein@gmail.com) or 608 837-3045 who has outdoor balls and paddles
and portable net systems**

Mike Campbell 608/347-3394

INDOOR COURTS:

FCC = Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Rd. 1 court, cost is free

H = Hitters, 3170 Deming Way, Middleton. \$5 walk-in; \$40 punch card for 10 plays. Private leagues are available: inquire with Joel if you would like to start your own league. Court reservations (2 hours max) can be made 7 days in advance: call 608 833-4488. \$7 per player (no punch cards accepted for reserved courts)

PAC = Prairie Athletic Club, 1010 N. Bird Street, Sun Prairie. PAC has 6 pickle ball courts. Open play: all skill levels (courts/play may be divided by skill levels on days when there are 3 or more courts available). COURTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 6 AM TO 3 PM (SCHOOL DAYS) FOR OPEN PLAY. BRING IN YOUR OWN GROUP AND PLAY.

All play is free to PAC members (and reciprocal clubs- Harbor, Pinnacle). A punch pass is available for \$65 for nonmembers.

T = Turners Gymnastics, 3001 S. Stoughton Rd. All the plays at turners are 2 hours.
Lessons for rank beginners are offered - no set schedule. As soon as enough want a lesson, it is set up.

SCCC = Sauk City Community Center. 3 courts. \$1 to play

YMCA = 711 Cottage Grove Rd, Monona. Beginner to intermediate play. \$5.00 nonmember

YMCA NE = 1470 Don Simon Dr (in Smith's Crossing) Sun Prairie. Beginner to intermediate play. \$5.00 nonmember

OUTDOOR COURTS:

HH = Heritage Heights Park, Kevins Way & Openwood Way, behind the First Church of Christ

LWCC = Lake Wisconsin Country Club, across the river from Sauk Prairie, on Golf Rd. Everyone is welcome and it is FREE. If you have any questions please contact: TJ BALLWEG at doublebogieopen@yahoo.com or cell # 477-2549

NC = Norman Clayton Park, Piping Rock Rd, parallel and south of Shroeder Rd

RH = Richmond Hills, 6117 Cottontail Tr. Going east on Cottage Grove Rd, turn right after Metro Market on McLean Dr then turn right on Cottontail Trail. Courts are at the corner of Cottontail Trail and Manassas Trail

SC = Swan Creek tennis courts - located just east of City Hall in Fitchburg.

McP = McGaw Park – located just east of City Hall in Fitchburg.

TP = Tenney Park

WH = Wyndham Hills Community Park on the West side of Sun Prairie just off a Highway 19. There are two courts with bathrooms, water and shelter. To Google directions put in Horizon Elementary School, 625 N. Heatherstone Drive, Sun Prairie, 53590.

There are other tennis courts around Madison lined for pickleball, but only courts that have designated times to play are listed here.

Open Play - all skill levels (beginners are welcome)

Int. - Intermediate skill level of 3.5 or better

Adv. - advance skill level of 4.0 or better

League - requires signing up in advance

PLEASE REFER TO USAPA FOR DEFINITION OF SKILL LEVELS

(See <http://ipickleball.org/ifp-rating-system/>)

Please keep this latest schedule and throw away earlier ones. This will avoid any confusion on your part.

Skill Level/ Rating Description

1.0 • New and have only minimal knowledge of the game and the rules.

1.5

- Limited to some rallies.
- Learning how to serve.
- Developing a forehand.
- Fails to return easy balls frequently and occasionally misses the ball entirely.
- Played a few games and is learning the court lines, scoring, and some basic rules of the game.

2.0

- Sustains a short rally with players of equal ability.

- Demonstrating the basic shot strokes – forehand, backhand, volley, overhead and the serve, but has obvious weaknesses in most strokes.
- Familiar with court positioning in doubles play.

2.5

- Makes longer lasting slow-paced rallies.
- Makes most easy volleys and uses some backhands, but needs more work on developing shot strokes.
- Beginning to approach the non-volley zone to hit volleys.
- Aware of the “soft game.”
- Knowledge of the rules has improved.
- Court coverage is weak but improving.

3.0

- More consistent on the serve and service return and when returning medium-paced balls.
- Demonstrates improved skills with all the basic shot strokes and shot placement but lacks control when trying for direction, depth, or power on their shots.
- Beginning to attempt lobs and dinks with little success and doesn’t fully understand when and why they should be used.

3.5

- Demonstrates improved stroke dependability with directional control on most medium-paced balls and some faster-paced balls.
- Demonstrates improved control when trying for direction, depth and power on their shots.
- Needs to develop variety with their shots.
- Exhibits some aggressive net play.
- Beginning to anticipate opponent’s shots.
- Learning about the importance of strategy and teamwork in doubles.

4.0

- Consistent and dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand shots.
- Reliable serves, lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys and can use spin shots with some success.
- Occasionally can force errors when serving.

- Rallies may be lost due to impatience.
- Uses the dink shot and drop shots to slow down or change the pace of the game.
- Demonstrates 3rd shot strategies – drop shots, lobs, and fast-paced ground strokes.
- Aggressive net play and teamwork in doubles is evident.
- Fully understands the rules of the game and can play by them.

4.5

- Beginning to master the use of power and spin, can successfully execute all shots, can control the depth of their shots, and can handle pace.
- Beginning to master the dink shots and drop shots and their importance to the game.
- Beginning to master 3rd shot choices.
- Displays sound footwork and moves well enough to get to the non-volley zone whenever required.
- Understands strategy and can adjust style of play and game plan according to the opponent's strengths and weaknesses and court position.
- Serves with power and accuracy and can also vary the speed and spin of the serve.
- Understands the importance of “keeping the ball in play” and the effect of making errors.
- Making good choices in shot selection.
- Anticipates the opponent's shots resulting in good court positioning.

5.0

- Mastered all the skills – all shot types, touch, spin, serves, with control and can use them as weapons.
- Excellent shot anticipation, extremely accurate shot placement and regularly hit winning shots.
- Forces opponents into making errors by “keeping the ball in play.”
- Mastered the dink and drop shots.
- Mastered the 3rd shot choices and strategies.
- Uses soft shots, dinks and lobs to set up offensive situations.
- Mastered pickleball strategies and can vary strategies and styles of play in competitive or tournament matches.
- Dependable in stressful situations as in tournament match play.
- Athletic ability, quickness, agility, and raw athleticism are also qualities that are sometimes what separates the top players from those near the top.